

To whom can citizens
concerned about the
daily messages of
hate and fear and
the distorted
information and
outright lies
permeating the
public airwaves
during this dirtiest
of presidential
campaigns appeal if
not to the FCC?
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
There is no longer
any pretense of
evenhandedness or
equal time in
evidence. Please do
your duty and help
the ordinary
citizens of this
county.

I am an active
participant in local
efforts to get out
the vote so that the
voices of individual
citizens can blend
and rise above the
messages of hate,
divisiveness and
misinformation
bombarding us all. I
appeal to the
Commission to
intervene. Sinclair
uses the public
airwaves free of
charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important

that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter. We are no
longer being heard.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.